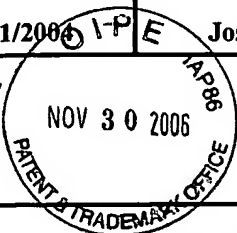
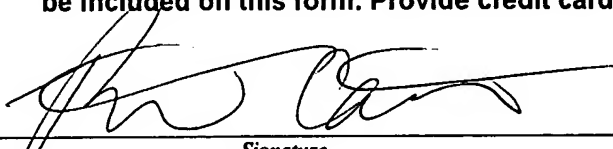



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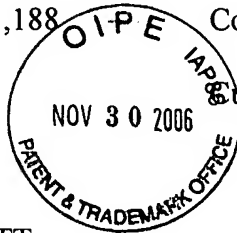
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Honorable Sir:

This is a reply to the Office Action dated September 29, 2006 regarding the above-identified patent application.

Enclosed herewith is a certified copy of the priority document for the above-identified application, *i.e.*, German Patent Application No. 103 40 721.9, filed on September 4, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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